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Application of: David A. Horwitz

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office communication mailed February 25, 2002. The response is filed on or before the due date of 28 May 2002, the first business day after Saturday, May 25, 2002, and Monday, May 27, 2002, a federal holiday, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including any extension fees or other relief as may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68983-1/RFT/RMS/RMK).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

2. (Amended) A method for inducing a recipient's cells to decrease graft rejection comprising:

- a) isolating peripheral mononuclear blood cells (PMBCs) from a recipient and a donor;
- b) mixing donor and recipient PMBC cells *ex vivo*;

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